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SUBJECT: Congressional investigation into special warfare

The surveys and investigation staff of the full House Appropriations Committee has begun an investigation into "the administration of special warfare programs of the Department of Defense". Although it is directed, at least initially, at the Department of Defense alone, it could branch out to cover other elements of the Executive branch participating in special warfare and counterinsurgency activities. Hence this memorandum.

The surveys and investigation staff insofar as it has dealt with us in the past has been extremely thorough and also reasonably objective. The investigators in this case are Messrs. Leo Conroy, Landon L. McDowell, and H. Branch Wood.

Mr. Gilpatric and I are following this matter for the Department with General Krulak's office (Colonel Chisholm) in the Joint Staff being designated as the focal point for coordination of substantive responses.

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